Naresh & Rachel

Our Story

We met 9 years ago online through a common friend, Naresh was studying in England to get his Master's Degree and Rachel was going to India to work in an orphanage. Over several months we started to fall in love. When Rachel was done working at the orphanage Naresh flew from the UK to India and asked Rachel to marry him. We got married exactly two years to the day after getting engaged in a small wedding at our church.

Naresh

As a dad, I feel my job is to make sure our child has everything they need to grow up to be a successful adult. I hope to be able to instill good morals into our child so they will grow up to know the difference between right and wrong.

Favorites

Food: Fish Curry/Cheeseburgers

Color: Red

Movie: Shawshank Redemption

Hobbies: Camping and Kayaking

Occupation: Network Engineer

Rachel

As a mom, I want us to raise our child with the understanding that God is first in their life. I pray that they will grow up to love the Lord and want to serve him in all that they do. I hope that we will be able to instill kindness and warmth into our child and that they will have a heart to want to help people.

Favorites

Food: Tacos

Color: Teal

Movie: Dirty Dancing

Hobbies: Sewing and Crafting

Occupation: Housewife

Our Home

We live in a wonderful city with lots of things to do such as baseball games, a zoo, an art museum and plenty of parks. In 2017, we bought our first home together in the neighborhood that Rachel grew up in. Our home is a two-story house with 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a full sized basement with a pool table and a large backyard with lots of room for kids to play. In fact our home is located right next door to Rachel's parents which will give our child two big yard's to play in instead of one. We live just a few houses away from an excellent elementary school where we will be able to watch our children walk right into the front doors of the school from our front porch! We live one block from the church that Rachel has gone to for over 30 years and in the summer time we enjoy walking to church on Sundays.

George

Alex and Ivy

Our Fur Babies: We have 3 cats, Alex who is 11, George who is 9 and Ivy who is 5. They each have different personalities but they get along very well together. Alex likes to take naps on his mom's lap and show the other 2 cats that he is the boss. George loves his dad, he waits by the back door daily until his dad gets home from work, and then once he gets home he will not leave him alone until its bedtime. Then we have Ivy, she just likes to be left alone on her window seat and look outside all day.

What we enjoy doing as a family:

Vacations: As a family we enjoy going on vacation with Rachel's family every summer. One of our favorite vacations was to Cape Cod Massachusetts where we rented a home for 10 days and enjoyed swimming in the ocean and hanging out with family. A lot of our mini vacations are spent with Naresh's family in places like Chicago, Indianapolis or Lexington.

Outdoors: We both enjoy being outside, but we both especially enjoy kayaking and going camping together. We also enjoy riding bikes on the trails throughout our town but Rachel's favorite place to ride bikes to any place that has ice cream.

Our Multi Cultural Family:

Grandparents:

Grandma Shirley and Grandpa John love spending time with their granddaughter Alexus. Grandpa John is retired from a state job and has plenty of time to tinker in his basement fixing TVs and messing around on his AM radio. Grandma Shirley works part-time as a property facilitator at our Church and loves to sew, play cards, and put puzzles together. They are both super excited for us to adopt a baby and can't wait to have a second grandchild.

Nanamma (Grandmother in Telugu) and Ta-ta (Grandfather in Telugu) both live in a small town in India and are equally excited for us to have a baby. Ta-ta owns a successful fabric store in the town they live in and Nanamma works part-time with him there when she's not cooking and sending us delicious Indian desserts. They both enjoy traveling around India and to the US to see their only grandchild who lives in St. Louis.

Aunts and Uncles:

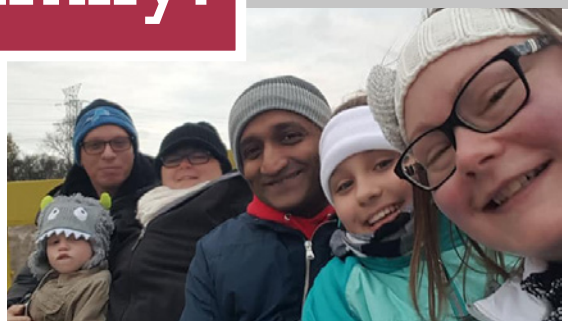
Uncle Jeff and Aunt Jen live about a half of a mile away from us. Jeff owns his own business selling used appliances and Jen works for the local university. They both enjoy camping, going out to eat and watching movies at home. This will be their first niece/nephew on Jeff's side of the family and they can't wait to meet the new addition.

Atta (Aunt in Telugu) Lakshmi and Mama (Uncle in Telugu) Raj are both engineers and have been married for 7 years. They enjoy having people over to their home, cooking, traveling to California to see Raj's family and shopping. Even though they live far away they are still excited to meet their newest family member.

Cousins:

Alexus is 11 years old, she is in the 6th grade and goes to the same school that her Aunt Rachel and Daddy went to and eventually her cousin will go to also. She loves giraffes and doing crafts with her Aunt Rachel. She says her Uncle Naresh spoils her, but she is okay with him spoiling her less once our baby comes.

Eashan is 3 years old and loves playing with cars and putting puzzles together. His favorite TV show is PJ Masks and he loves dressing up like them and pretending to be a superhero.



With our friends on a hayride

With Naresh's family at our nephew's baby dedication

With Rachel's family at Noah's Ark in Kentucky

With our friends in Chicago

Flying planes on vacation in Massachusetts with Rachel's family

Naresh with his mom and nephew on Mother's Day

With family and friends celebrating Naresh's birthday

Dear Birthparent,

From the time we decided to adopt we have been praying for you and your baby. We pray that God shows you the path He has for you and that when you meet the right family you will just know! My husband and I have been together for a total of 9 years and until about 3 years ago we never considered ourselves to be in a bi-racial relationship until one of our friends asked us about it. We just kind of looked at each other as though no one had ever pointed that out to us before. We have never looked at each other's skin color as being different from each other, because that has never mattered to us. So when it comes to adopting a baby we believe that a child is a child no matter what they look like or where they come from. With that being said we would like you to know that we will love any child that God gives us and we thank you for taking the time to read our profile.

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Why Adoption?

From the very beginning of our relationship we discussed adoption and we felt that God was leading us in the direction to adopt. We both have always loved children so to us it was a no brainer that we both wanted kids. Once we were married for a few years we started praying for a baby, but not just that Rachel would get pregnant but that God would show us the path He wanted us to go down. After about a year of us praying we believed all roads lead to adoption and we started saving our money to adopt.